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E.O. 11652: NA  
TAGS: BEXP, GW  
SUBJECT: WTDR: THE GENERAL BANK OF THE MIDDLE EAST, LTD.

REF: USDOC 10567

1. GERMANY 2. CNTRY CODE: 428 3. SER. NO: N/A  
4. THE GENERAL BANK OF THE MIDDLE EAST, LTD.  
5. MUENSTERER STR. 22  
6. D 6000 FRANKFURT/MAIN GERMANY  
7. ESTABL: 1975 8. EMPL: N/A 9. SIZE: (21-X) SMALL  
10. REPUTATION: (22-X) FAIR  
11. BUSINESS AREA: MIDDLE EAST  
12. RPT. DATE: 02/76  
13A. 6211/9 INVESTMENT BANKERS.  
14. CONTACT: LT. COL. RIDGEWAY TITLE: CHAIRMAN  
15. CABLE: GENERALBANK ME 16. TELEX: 413 458. 17. TEL: 0611-284983  
18. FINANCIAL REF: BANQUE DE L'EUROPE S.A., FRANKFURT.  
19. BUSINESS REF: MR. BILL MANN, 10528 E. DEVERON DRIVE,  
WHITTIER, CA. 90601  
20 NOT APPLICABLE  
21. THE BANK IS NOT YET REGISTERED IN W. GERMANY. APPLICATION WAS  
FILED TO ORGANIZE IT AS LIMITED PARTNERSHIP, BUT ACCORDING TO TRADE  
REGISTER INFORMATION, A QUESTION AROSE REGARDING ITS USE OF THE  
NAME WHICH HAS YET TO BE RESOLVED. PRESENTLY IT IS CONSIDERED AS  
THE BANK REPRESENTATIVE OF THE GENERAL BANK OF THE MIDDLE EAST LTD.  
OF GLASGOW, OR LONDON, WHICH IN TURN IS A SUBSIDIARY OF THE  
"CREDIT DE INDUSTRIE DE LIBIA", TRIPOLIS, LIBYA. ACCORDING TO ITS  
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INFORMATION GENERAL BANK IS AN INVESTMENT BANK HANDLING INVESTMENTS

IN AND FROM THE MIDDLE EAST, AND FINANCING OIL EXPLORATION AND  
EXPORS TO MIDDLE EASTERN COUNTRIES. ALTHOUGH THE CHAIRMAN OF THE  
BOARD IS GIVEN AS BEING ONE LT.COL.P. RIDGEWAY, WEST GERMAN BUSINESS  
APPEARS TO BE PERFORMED PRESENTLY B DR. KURT WALLERSTEINER,  
THROUGH HIS FIRM, WESTAWA. THE BUILDING MUNESTERER STR. 22, ON  
WHICH THE BANK OFFICE IS LOCATED, WAS BOUGHT UPON THE BANK'S  
ORDER BY MR. WALLERSTEINER. THERE IS NO INFORMATION AVAILABLE  
AS TO THE VALUE, NOR THE REGISTERED OWNER OF SAID BUILDING.  
THERE IS ALSO LITTLE INFORMATION AVAILABLE LOCALLY ABOUT THE  
FINANCIAL SITUATION OF THE BANK. NO DEROGATORY INFORMATION HAS  
BEEN RECEIVED.

22. PREPARED BY P. BARTOLSIC, APPROVED BY R.C. VAN VOORHEES AT  
U.S. CONSULATE GENERAL, FRANKFURT.LEHMANN

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